



# CASA

## CASA of Yavapai County Newsletter

### September 2013

#### *In this Issue.....*

C4K VISTA—Molly Sheehy	1
~~~~~	
Prescott Calendar September	2
~~~~~	
Prescott Calendar October	3
~~~~~	
Coordinator's Corner	4~7
~~~~~	
Yavapai C4K Foundation	8
~~~~~	
Time for Teens	9
~~~~~	
Verde Coordinator Corner	10
~~~~~	
Verde Calendar	11
~~~~~	
Contact Information	12

- \*\*\*\*\*
- SAVE THE DATE:**
- SEPTEMBER 14 & 21—Parenting Class in PV (see flyer on page 6)
  - SEPTEMBER 17—ACE Study/Training @ the JJC 12:00—1:30 (see flyer on page 5)
  - OCTOBER 25—CHILD AND YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING TRAINING (see flyer on page 9)
  - DECEMBER 12, 2013—CASA Holiday Party—Details in next month's newsletter!
- \*\*\*\*\*

## WELCOME MOLLY!

Molly Brennan Sheehy, the new VISTA for Yavapai CASA for Kids, is a Virginia native who now considers Prescott home. She graduated in May from Prescott College with a BA in Ecopsychology. She



enjoys crafty and outdoorsy pursuits and is an avid gardener. She looks forward to applying her enthusiasm and skills to helping the CASA for Kids program reach its full potential. Thus far, she has been working on redesigning the website, creating a mailing list, and beginning to plan fundraising events as well as learning about dependency cases and the work of CASAs.

About the VISTA program: VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) was designed specifically to fight poverty. This national service program was started in the mid-1960's and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993. To learn more, go to: [www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-vista](http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-vista)



# Prescott CASA Calendar September 2013



M	T	W	T	F
2	3 <b>FDC @ 3:30</b> <i>hearings</i>	4	5 Best for Babies 10:00 @ JJC	6
9	10  <i>hearings</i>	11	12 Jane's Case Support 11:00 @ JJC  C4KF Board Mtg. 9:00 @ JJC <b>FCRB</b>	13 Best for Babies Court Teams Mtg. in P.V. @ 10:00  <b>FCRB</b>
16	17 12:00—1:00 ACE Study @ JJC <b>FDC @ 3:30</b> <i>hearings</i>	18 Janet's Case Support - 11:00 @ JJC	19 Time for Teens 9:30 @ JJC	20
23	24  <i>hearings</i>	25	26	27
30				




## September at a glance

\*\*\*\*\*  
 9/3 & 17 Family Drug Court (FDC) 3:30 @ JJC  
 9/3, 10, 17 & 24 Dependency Hearings @ JJC  
 9/5 Best for Babies 10:00 @ JJC  
 9/12 Jane's Case Support 11:00 @ JJC  
 9/12 CASA for Kids Foundation Board Meeting 9:00 @ JJC  
 9/12 & 9/13 Foster Care Review Board Meeting @ JJC  
 9/13 Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting in PV  
 9/17 ACE Study (rescheduled from July) @ JJC 12:00-1:00 (see flyer on page 5)  
 9/18 Janet's Case Support 11:00 @ JJC  
 9/19 Time for Teens 9:30 @ JJC  
 \*\*\*\*\*



# Prescott CASA Calendar October 2013



M	T	W	T	F
 1 <i>hearings</i>	2	3 Best for Babies— JJC @ 10:00	4	
7	8  FDC @ 3:30 <i>hearings</i>	9	10 Jane's Case Sup- port - JJC @ 11:00  C4K board Meeting— JJC @ 9:00	11 Best for Babies Court Teams Meet- ing in P.V. @ 10:00
14 <b>*NEW*</b> Time 4 Teens Case Support— JJC @ 10:00	15  <i>hearings</i>	16 Janet's Case Support—JJC @ 11:00	17 Time For Teens JJC @ 9:30	18
21 	22  FDC @ 3:30 <i>hearings</i>	23	24	25 Child & Youth Sex Trafficking (8:00-3:30 @ JJC)
28	29  <i>hearings</i>	30	31  Happy Halloween!	

## October at a glance

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\* 10/1, 8 15, 22 & 29—Hearings @ JJC  
 \*\* 10/3 Best for Babies @ JJC ~10:00  
 \*\* 10/8 & 22 Family Drug Court @ JJC ~ 3:30  
 \*\* 10/10 Jane's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 \*\* 10/10 C4K Board Meeting @ JJC ~ 9:00  
 \*\* 10/11 Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting in PV @ 10:00  
 \*\* 10/14 \*New Meeting\* Time 4 Teens Case Support @ JJC—10:00  
 \*\* 10/16 Janet's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 \*\* 10/17 Time For Teens @ JJC ~ 9:30  
 \*\* 10/25 Child & Youth Sex Trafficking @ JJC 8:00—3:30  
 \*\*\*\*\*

## Coordinator's Corner



In case you missed it, the Daily Bugle ran a great article promoting the CASA program. Click on the link below to read the full article:  
<http://www.azcourts.gov/casaofyavapaicounty/NewsEvents.aspx>

### When's the CFT (Child & Family Team Meeting)?

Do you ever wonder when the next CFT for your case is taking place? If you send an email to: [Whensthecft@wygc.org](mailto:Whensthecft@wygc.org) and put your question and the name of your CASA child(ren) in the body of the email, someone from West Yavapai Guidance Clinic will try to get back to you in 24-48 hours with your CFT information.

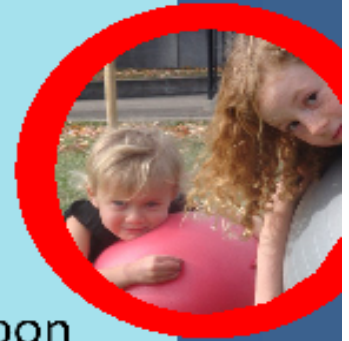


On August 21 & 22 the Camp Verde office hosted the “Knowing Who Your Are” Seminar. To the right is a photo of some of the participants.

# The ACE Study

"The solution of all adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon the way our children grow up today."

- Margaret Mead



**Tuesday, September 17th**

**12:00 PM—1:30 PM**

The ACE study links stressful childhood experiences (ACEs) to the risk of developing our nation's leading health and social problems in adulthood.

The presentation will cover the history of the study, the data, explanations of the findings, and what people, communities, and organizations can do to build resilience and prevent ACEs from occurring. Active discussion will be welcomed throughout.

Presented by Claire Louge, Community Outreach Coordinator with First Things First



## Coordinator's Corner

### Guiding Good Choices

A program for parents of  
children ages 9 to 14

A **FREE** parenting class  
designed to help parents  
improve family bonding  
and reduce risk of  
teenage drug use.

**Saturday**  
**September 14 & 21, 2013**  
**10 am to 3:30 pm**

~~~

**MATFORCE**  
**8056 E. Valley Rd. Ste. B**  
**Prescott Valley**

### Parents will learn

- » Strategies to help their children avoid drug use and other adolescent problem behaviors
- » Set clear family guidelines on drugs
- » Manage conflict
- » Practice skills to strengthen family bonds and help their children develop healthy behaviors
- » Increase children's involvement in the family

To register contact **Nikki Rosson** at  
**(520) 831-4488** or **matforce@cableone.net**.



This parenting class is offered **FREE** by MATFORCE through a grant from the Governor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families Parents Commission.

## Coordinator's Corner

### Join a Support Group

#### Support Groups:

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs.

The Support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate.

- The group lead by Janet Lincoln meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the JJC, , 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The group lead by Jane Shaw meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the JJC, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Best for Babies support group meets the first Thursday of each month at the JJC, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Best for Babies Court Teams meeting is held the second Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to CPS)
- Time 4 Teens monthly meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the JJC at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **\*NEW\*** Time 4 Teens Case Support Meeting on the 2nd Monday (beginning in October) of each month at the JJC, 10:00—11:30.

|                                                                                     |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <u>September</u><br>Tracy Sauer<br>Eileen Bond<br>Jayne O'Brien<br>Bob Sherman<br>Ken Kimsey | <u>October</u><br>Jan Doria<br>Shea Studinger<br>Diana Dalsass<br>Bill Haas<br>John Clark<br>Quinci Castleberry |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### NEW CASE SUPPORT MEETING STARTING

We are starting a Time 4 Teens Case Support Meeting beginning in October. Our first meeting will be on Monday, October 14th from 10:00—11:30 at the JJC. Meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please plan to join us if you have a teen case, or if you're thinking of taking a case with a teen.

We'd love to see you!

# Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation

## Patronize Coyote Joe's and benefit Yavapai CASA for Kids



**Wednesday, Sept. 4 through Thursday, Sept. 12**

Coyote Joe's will donate 25% of its gross liquor sales revenues to Yavapai CASA for Kids

This fundraiser to benefit children living in foster care will kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 4 with Silverbak taking the stage at 6 p.m. Silverbak's lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist—SUSAN BAILEY SMITH—is a Yavapai CASA for Kids board member. Silverbak plays classic and contemporary rock, rhythm and blues and country music. Band members include BRUCE GUSTIN on lead guitar and vocals, MARK ARAGON on bass and ROCCO SAPARETTO on drums.



**Come out for a fun time, learn more about Yavapai  
CASA for Kids and contribute to a good cause**



Yavapai CASA for Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves the unmet needs of abused, neglected and/or abandoned youth up to age 21 who are or have been in the care of the Court and to support the work of the CASA program and the CASA volunteers.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE [WWW.YAVAPAIcasaforKIDS.ORG](http://WWW.YAVAPAIcasaforKIDS.ORG) OR CALL 445-0800**

The CASA for Kids Foundation is hoping to improve its ability to inform the community about the work that they do. In order to increase their outreach, they are working on compiling a mailing list of both physical and e-mail addresses for donors, volunteers, and those impacted by their work. If you would like to be added to the C4K mailing lists, or, if you know people who would be receptive, please e-mail relevant contact information to the CASA for kids VISTA, Molly Sheehy, at [c4kvista@gmail.com](mailto:c4kvista@gmail.com). Thank You!



# time for teens

## Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

- \* **What is Sex Trafficking**
- \* **Signs of Sex Trafficking**
- \* **Prevention**
- \* **Aftercare for Survivors**

Please join us for a full day of free training on this very important subject. This seminar is presented by the Yavapai County CASA/Time for Teens Program in conjunction with Arizona's Children Association and the Prescott Juvenile Justice Center.

Training credit will be given to attorney's, CASA's and Foster Parents.



October 25, 2013  
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Juvenile Justice Center  
1100 Prescott Lakes Pkwy.  
Prescott, AZ 86301

RSVP :  
[qcastleberry@courts.az.gov](mailto:qcastleberry@courts.az.gov)  
or call (928) 771-3165



Please join us at the Time for Teens meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 in the JJC. Your ideas and expertise are most welcome!

## Verde Coordinator's Corner

The Verde CASA office participated in the National Night Out event in Cottonwood last month and Mike had the opportunity to share information about CASA and recruit for more volunteers. We are hoping for more opportunities like this. If you know of something happening in the community, please let us know.



Verde CASA events are now placed on the MyRadioplace.com community calendar. Events are also being read on air by a KKLD (95.9) radio personality throughout the day.

CASA articles are now being submitted to the Verde Independent monthly. Due to the articles and other information placed in the community, the Verde CASA office has been receiving calls from interested persons. We are pleased with this response as we continue to strive for our goal of having a CASA for every child. Keep getting the word out that we need volunteers!

**The Verde CASA office has monthly support meetings. Meetings begin at noon (12:00) and finish around 1:30 PM. Please see the Verde Calendar for upcoming meeting dates.**



**The Verde office has 4 applicants signed up for the Phoenix Academy in September. There is also another applicant completing her training at the end of this month. That will bring a total of 7 new CASA's into the Verde since January 2013!**

# Verde Valley CASA Calendar

## September 2013

| Mon                                                                            | Tue | Wed                                         | Thu                                                 | Fri               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Labor Day Holiday<br>~Office Closed~                                         | 3   | 4                                           | 5                                                   | 6                 |
| 9 Verde Hearings<br>12-1 Court Report Writing/Training for new & veteran CASAs | 10  | 11                                          | 12                                                  | 13                |
| 16                                                                             | 17  | 18                                          | 19                                                  | 20                |
| 23 Verde Hearings<br>CASA Support Meeting @ 12:00                              | 24  | 25                                          | 26                                                  | 27                |
| 30                                                                             |     | A BIG "Thank YOU"<br>advocate for the child | to all our Verde CASA's<br>ren of the Verde Valley. | for continuing to |

## October 2013

| Mon                                               | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4                                                                                     |
| 7 Verde Hearings<br>CASA Training 12-1:45         | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                                                                                    |
| 14                                                | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                                                                                    |
| 21 Verde Hearings<br>CASA Support Meeting @ 12:00 | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                                                                                    |
| 28                                                | 29  | 30  | 31  |  |

## Contact Information

### **CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**

**[www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org](http://www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org)**



If you cannot attend an FCRB, you  
may e-mail the Board at:

**[rptfcrb@courts.az.gov](mailto:rptfcrb@courts.az.gov)**

### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Foundation**

**Serving our Court Protected Children and the CASA  
Program**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates  
...a child's voice in court**

### **CASA of Yavapai County**

Phone: 928-771-3165

Fax: 928-771-3387

#### **Prescott:**

Tracy Sauer, Program Manager (928) 777-7901

Email: [tsauer@courts.az.gov](mailto:tsauer@courts.az.gov)

Myla Smith, CASA Coordinator (928) 777-7900

Email: [msmith2@courts.az.gov](mailto:msmith2@courts.az.gov)

Quinci Castleberry, CASA Support Staff

Email: [gcastleberry@courts.az.gov](mailto:gcastleberry@courts.az.gov)

Lynda Ransom, CASA Support Staff

Email: [lransom@courts.az.gov](mailto:lransom@courts.az.gov)

Kristen Newman, Family Drug Court  
Coordinator (928) 771-3398

Email: [knewman@courts.az.gov](mailto:knewman@courts.az.gov)

#### **Camp Verde:**

Mike Wade.....CASA Coordinator  
(928) 554-8903

Brianne Maijala.....Support Staff  
(928) 554-8900

### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Foundation.**

**P.O. Box 12457, Prescott, AZ 86304**

**(928) 445-0800**

**[www.yavapaicasaforkids.org](http://www.yavapaicasaforkids.org)**

#### **Board Members**

**Janet Lincoln, President**

**Eileen Bond, Vice President**

**Jennifer Whittemore, Treasurer**

**Diana Dalsass, Secretary and**

**Public Relations Chair 445-6637**

**Laura Taylor, Corresponding Secretary**

**Barbara Polk, Grants Co-Chair 445-1204**

**Jane Shaw, Grants Co-Chair 925-3604**

**Vicky Rehak**

**Susan Bailey-Smith, Grants**

**Molly Sheehy (VISTA) Chair of the Family**

**Visiting Center 445-0800**

**Ann Haver-Allen**

**Sandra Talosi**

**Kate Shugrue-Schaffner**

**Susan Bell**

**Eric Niemeyer**

### **Verde Valley CASA Children's Foundation Members:**

Elise Richards, President [migee94@gmail.com](mailto:migee94@gmail.com)

Connie Flint, Secretary

Mark Pelletier, Member

Duane Wyles, Vice President

Betty Hart, Grants Director 928-567-2946 Barb Woods, Member

Karin Krippene, Treasurer

Amanda Cannon, Member